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### FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor one: J. Donald Hill

Signature: J. Donald Hill

Citizen of: CANADA  
United States

Inventor two: Geoff Briggs

Signature: Geoff Briggs

Citizen of: United States

Inventor three: Andrew H. Levine

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of: United States

Inventor four: Eric May

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of: United States

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**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

Inventor one: John Meade

Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor two: Michael Sims

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: United States

Inventor three: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor four: \_\_\_\_\_

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Inventor three: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor four: \_\_\_\_\_

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AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT**

Application Number	To be assigned
Filing Date	To be assigned
First Named Inventor	J. Donald Hill et al.
Title	Conduit Coupling Devices...
Group Art Unit	To be assigned
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Attorney Docket Number	018880.0147

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners at Customer Number 

OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

**24735**

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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

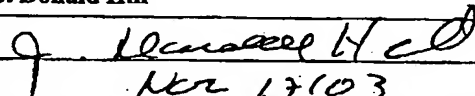
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name

J. Donald Hill

Signature



Date

Nov 17 03

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☒ \*Total of 1 (one) forms are submitted.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: J. Donald Hill et al.Application No./Patent No.: 60/427,257 Filed/Issue Date: November 19, 2002Entitled: Conduit Coupling Device And Methods For Employing Such DevicesJ. Donald Hill, an individual

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %  
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OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08)

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

NOV 17 2003J. Donald Hill

Date

Typed or printed name

415-923-3838J. Donald Hill

Telephone number

Signature

Title

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Geoff Briggs, residing at 489 Valley View Road, Los Altos, CA 94024-4741; Andrew H. Levine, residing at 1105 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02461; Eric May, residing at 11 Stillwell Avenue, Norfolk, MA 02056; John Meade, residing at 85 Millville Road, Mendon, MA 01756; and Michael Sims, residing at 916 Irving Street, Montara, CA 94037-1176, citizens of the United States; (hereinafter the "ASSIGNORS") have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICES AND METHODS FOR EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/427,252, filed November 19, 2002

WHEREAS, J. Donald Hill, an individual residing at 23 Teaberry Lane, Tiburon, CA 94920 (the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid improvements and in and to any patent or utility model applications any letters patent of the United States or any letters patent or utility models of any foreign region or country, which may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WE do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, his successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) in and to said improvements, said U. S. application, conversion, utility, utility model, any other U.S., international, regional, or foreign applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said U. S. application or in whole or in part on said improvements, and in and to any and all letters patent or utility models, or both, including extensions thereof, which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said improvements or any parts thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or any other proper officer or agency of any region or foreign country to issue all said letters patent or utility models, or both, to the ASSIGNEE;

AND WE HEREBY warrant and covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument or assignment in conflict herewith;

AND WE HEREBY agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us respecting the improvements; to execute all conversion, utility, divisional, continuation, renewal, substitute, reissue and reexamination applications, or any

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hand and seal.

Geoff Briggs

County of San Francisco)

**SS:**

On this 15 day of November 2003, before me a Notary Public in

instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires 03/20/2017



November 6, 2003  
Date

Andrew H. Levine  
Andrew H. Levine

County of Middlesex )  
 ) ss:  
commonwealth of Massachusetts )

On this 6th day of November 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ANDREW H. LEVINE, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

Melissa L. Blane  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires 1/27/06

November 12, 2003  
Date

Eric May  
Eric May

County of NORFOLK )  
 ) ss:  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts )

On this 12th day of NOVEMBER 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ERIC MAY, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

Steven J. Carr  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires 11/13/2003

November 12, 2003  
Date

John Meade  
John Meade

County of NORFOLK )  
 ) ss:  
commonwealth of Massachusetts )

On this 12TH day of NOVEMBER 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared JOHN MEADE, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

Steven J. Carr  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires 11/13/2003

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Sims

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss:  
State of California )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared MICHAEL SIMS, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ John Meade \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss:  
commonwealth of Massachusetts )

On this 15 day of November 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared JOHN MEADE, ~~to me known~~ and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

(SEAL)



Notary Public

My Commission Expires 03/28/2007

11/15/03  
Date

Michael Sims

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss:  
State of California )

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Notary Public

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